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In re application of:

Toyohiro Sawada *et al.*

Application No.: 09/834,414

Filed: April 12, 2001

For: DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
AVERTING PHARMACOKINETIC
DRUG INTERACTION AND METHOD
THEREOF

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. As the present amendment places the Application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 16 and 17:

16. (New) A drug preparation for averting undesirable effects on the blood concentration of a drug by concomitant drug(s) that inhibits the *in vivo* metabolism of the said

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